

**Remarks/Arguments**

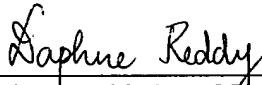
Claims 6-12 are pending in this application and are rejected on various grounds. Concurrent with the previous amendment, Applicants had filed an improper RCE with new claims. The Examiner did not enter the previous amendment.

Accordingly, without acquiescing to the Examiner's position, Applicants would like to further prosecute the present subject-matter in a continuation application and hereby file a Petition for a two month extension of time in the present application in order to maintain co-pendency for the continuing application filed herewith.

No other fees are believed to be due but if necessary, please charge any fees, including any fees for extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1641.

Respectfully submitted,

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